

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, May 17, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend F. Kenneth Hoffer, Mount Culmen Evangelical Congregational Church, East Earl, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Ruler of all nations, we give our thanks for Your guidance which has preserved our Nation and for the peaceful continuity of government in America.

We look gratefully to the past, thanking You that from the foundations of America You granted our forefathers courage and wisdom, as they trusted in You. By their example to lead, guide and direct, inspire this Congress whom You have entrusted leadership to serve and wage the struggle to find peace and justice in our world.

For our leaders, diplomats and military, let our resources be a strength to all, regardless of race, creed, faith, age, sex or national origin. May we work together towards justice, righteousness and goodness for all peoples of all nations.

We pray to You, O God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOLDEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) for 1 minute. All other 1-minutes will be postponed until the end of the day.

THE REVEREND F. KENNETH HOFFER

(Mr. HOLDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues and Father Coughlin for providing my constituent, Reverend F. Kenneth Hoffer, the opportunity to offer the opening prayer this morning in the House Chamber.

Pastor Hoffer resides in Reading, Pennsylvania, and is the pastor at the Mount Culmen Evangelical Congregational Church in East Earl, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Manheim Central High School.

Mr. Speaker, he served with distinction in the United States Navy during World War II. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1953 and went on to study theology at the Evangelical School of Theology in Myers-town, Pennsylvania.

He and his wife Anna have been married for 48 years and are the proud parents of a son, Craig, and three grandchildren.

On behalf of all of my colleagues, I would like to thank Reverend Hoffer for his spiritual guidance this morning.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 336, nays 68, answered “present” 1, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 122]

YEAS—336

Abercrombie	Deal	Jackson (IL)
Ackerman	DeGette	Jenkins
Akin	Delahunt	John
Allen	DeLay	Johnson (IL)
Andrews	DeMint	Johnson, Sam
Armey	Deutsch	Jones (NC)
Baca	Diaz-Balart	Kanjorski
Bachus	Dicks	Keller
Baker	Dingell	Kelly
Baldacci	Doggett	Kennedy (RI)
Baldwin	Dooley	Kerns
Ballenger	Doolittle	Kildee
Barcia	Dreier	Kind (WI)
Barr	Duncan	King (NY)
Barrett	Dunn	Kingston
Bartlett	Edwards	Kirk
Barton	Ehlers	Knollenberg
Bass	Ehrlich	Kolbe
Becerra	Emerson	Lampson
Bentsen	Engel	Langevin
Bereuter	Eshoo	Lantos
Berkley	Etheridge	Largent
Berman	Everett	Larson (CT)
Berry	Farr	Latham
Biggert	Fattah	LaTourette
Bilirakis	Ferguson	Levin
Bishop	Flake	Lewis (CA)
Blagojevich	Fletcher	Lewis (GA)
Blumenauer	Foley	Lewis (KY)
Blunt	Ford	Linder
Boehert	Fossella	Lipinski
Boehner	Frank	Lofgren
Bonilla	Frelinghuysen	Lowey
Bono	Galleghy	Lucas (KY)
Boswell	Gekas	Luther
Boyd	Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	Maloney (NY)
Brown (OH)	Gilchrest	Manzullo
Brown (SC)	Gillmor	Markey
Bryant	Gonzalez	Mascara
Burr	Goode	Matheson
Burton	Goodlatte	Matsui
Buyer	Goss	McCarthy (MO)
Callahan	Graham	McCarthy (NY)
Calvert	Granger	McCollum
Camp	Graves	McCrery
Cannon	Green (TX)	McHugh
Cantor	Green (WI)	McInnis
Capito	Greenwood	McIntyre
Capps	Grucci	McKeon
Cardin	Hall (TX)	Meehan
Carson (IN)	Hansen	Meek (FL)
Carson (OK)	Harman	Meeks (NY)
Castle	Hart	Mica
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	Millender-
Chambliss	Hayes	McDonald
Clay	Hill	Miller (FL)
Clayton	Hilleary	Miller, Gary
Clement	Hinojosa	Mink
Clyburn	Hobson	Mollohan
Coble	Hoeffel	Moran (KS)
Collins	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Combest	Holden	Morella
Conyers	Honda	Murtha
Cooksey	Hooley	Myrick
Cox	Horn	Nadler
Coyne	Hostettler	Napolitano
Cramer	Houghton	Neal
Crenshaw	Hoyer	Nethercutt
Culberson	Hulshof	Ney
Cunningham	Hyde	Northup
Davis (CA)	Inslee	Norwood
Davis (FL)	Isakson	Nussle
Davis (IL)	Israel	Ortiz
Davis, Jo Ann	Issa	Osborne
Davis, Tom	Istook	Ose

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Otter	Rush	Tauscher
Owens	Ryan (WI)	Tauzin
Oxley	Ryun (KS)	Taylor (NC)
Pascarell	Sandinlin	Terry
Paul	Sawyer	Thomas
Payne	Saxton	Thornberry
Pelosi	Scarborough	Thune
Pence	Schakowsky	Tiahrt
Peterson (PA)	Schiff	Tiberi
Petri	Schrock	Tierney
Phelps	Scott	Toomey
Pickering	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Pitts	Serrano	Traficant
Platts	Sessions	Turner
Pombo	Shadegg	Udall (CO)
Portman	Shaw	Upton
Price (NC)	Shays	Velázquez
Pryce (OH)	Sherman	Vitter
Putnam	Sherwood	Walden
Quinn	Shimkus	Walsh
Radanovich	Shows	Wamp
Rahall	Simmons	Watkins
Regula	Simpson	Watt (NC)
Rehberg	Skeen	Watts (OK)
Reyes	Skelton	Waxman
Reynolds	Smith (MI)	Weiner
Riley	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (FL)
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Weldon (PA)
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Roemer	Snyder	Whitfield
Rogers (KY)	Solis	Wilson
Rogers (MI)	Souder	Wolf
Rohrabacher	Spence	Woolsey
Ros-Lehtinen	Spratt	Wynn
Ross	Stearns	Young (FL)
Roukema	Stump	
Royce	Sununu	

NAYS—68

Aderholt	Hutchinson	Pastor
Baird	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Bonior	(TX)	Pomeroy
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Ramstad
Capuano	Jones (OH)	Rothman
Condit	Kaptur	Sabo
Costello	Kennedy (MN)	Sanchez
Crane	Kucinich	Schaffer
Crowley	LaFalce	Slaughter
Cummings	LaHood	Stark
DeFazio	Larsen (WA)	Stenholm
DeLauro	Lee	Strickland
Evans	LoBiondo	Stupak
Filner	McDermott	Sweeney
Frost	McGovern	Tanner
Gutierrez	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
Gutknecht	Menendez	Thompson (CA)
Hall (OH)	Miller, George	Thompson (MS)
Hastings (FL)	Moore	Thurman
Hefley	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Hilliard	Obey	Visclosky
Hinchey	Olver	Waters
Holt	Pallone	Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—26

Borski	Hayworth	McKinney
Boucher	Herger	Moakley
Brady (PA)	Hunter	Rangel
Cubin	Jefferson	Roybal-Allard
Doyle	Johnson (CT)	Sanders
English	Kilpatrick	Weller
Ganske	Kleczka	Wicker
Gilman	Leach	Young (AK)
Gordon	Lucas (OK)	

□ 1027

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 122 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2001.Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the unofficial results received from Dick Filling, Commissioner, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, indicating that, according to the unofficial results of the Special Election held on May 15, 2001, the Honorable Bill Shuster was elected to the Office of Representative in Congress, from the Ninth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

Attachment.

SPECIAL ELECTION, REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
U.S. CONGRESS, 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-
TRICT, COUNTIES OF BEDFORD, BLAIR, CEN-
TRE, CLEARFIELD, FRANKLIN, FULTON, HUN-
TINGDON, JUNIATA, MIFFLIN, PERRY AND
SNYDER, MAY 15, 2001

Unofficial Results

Republican—Bill Shuster	Vote Totals
Democratic—H. Scott Conklin	55,549
Green—Alanna K. Hartzok	47,049
	4,420

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
BILL SHUSTER OF PENNSYLVANIA AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BILL SHUSTER) be permitted to take the oath of office today.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Pennsylvania delegation present themselves in the well of the House and take the oath of office.

Mr. SHUSTER appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solely swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 107th Congress of the United States.

□ 1030

INTRODUCTION OF BILL SHUSTER,
NEW MEMBER FROM PENNSYLVANIA

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and extreme privilege to introduce the newest Member of the House to its Members here. He succeeds an individual who has become anonymous and who is little known in this Chamber but, despite that, we will present him with the distinction that he carries a name that has been a part of our traditions for many, many years. He is, of course, the son of Bud Shuster.

Beyond that, he, as an individual, was elected in the heart of Pennsylvania, was born and raised in that area, in Hollidaysburg, where he went to school and became a star athlete in three varsity sports, and who then went to Dickinson College. And by the way, what that does is double the number of Dickinson College graduates of this body in the Dickinson College Caucus, which I chair. Then he went and received a master's degree from American University. All the way up, he worked as a farm laborer, as a construction worker, in various businesses, until, at the time of his election, he was an entrepreneur in the automobile business.

His two children, who are with him, Ali, age 13, and Garrett, who is nine, are with him, as is the mother of the children, Rebecca, and a whole host of Shuster family and supporters. He is ready to tackle the job. He has talked about nothing except his future service in the House of Representatives. He is eager to take his place among us. We are ready to hear him and to help him and to help him become a great Member of the House of Representatives. BILL SHUSTER.

READY TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE NINTH DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania very much for the introduction.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand here today as the newest Representative from the Ninth District from Pennsylvania. I want to thank the voters of central Pennsylvania for this incredible privilege. The faith and trust the people of Pennsylvania have placed in me is indeed an awesome responsibility.

Over the past 4½ months, I have traveled throughout the 11 counties that make up the ninth district, from DuBois to Chambersburg. I have listened closely to the concerns of the people: teachers, factory workers, senior citizens, business owners, young people and farmers. And I come here today ready to represent their values and bring their voices and concerns to Washington.